

**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER**Docket No.  
OGW-0019Application No.  
09/726,548Filing Date  
December 1, 2000Examiner  
G. KnableArt Unit  
1733

Applicant(s): Noboru OKADA et al.

Invention: TIRE FORMING SYSTEM AND TIRE FORMING METHOD


**TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS**

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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Request for Continued Examination					750.00
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as described below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.☒ Credit any overpayment.☒ Charge any additional filing or application processing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17.  
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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Noboru OKADA et al.

Application No.: 09/726,548

Filed: December 1, 2000

For: TIRE FORMING SYSTEM AND TIRE FORMING METHOD

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.115**

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits and after filing the attached Request for Continued Examination under Rule 114 in response to the final Office Action dated December 30, 2002, the period for response being extended to April 30, 2003, by the Petition for Extension of Time filed herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 2 and 6 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 1 and 5 as set forth below in clean form. Additionally, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.121(c)(1)(ii), the amended claim(s) are set forth in a marked-up version in the page(s) attached to this Amendment.

C/SUBD 17 1. (Thrice Amended) A tire forming system including a band forming machine, a shaping forming machine and a belt/tread forming machine, in each of which setting conditions of a tire size can be optionally changed, and having transport means for delivering a semi-fabricated product to each forming machine, wherein as means for supplying a band member there are provided:

(1) inner liner supply means for cutting a inner liner sheet material having a width, in which a splice margin is added to a band periphery length, to a length